



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report December 27, 2002

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending **27-Dec-02** Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	72.03	60.48	70.40	86.03	74.15
Last week	76.83	67.10	69.05	92.90	79.79

Selected Cities Large - 27-Dec-02: New York 69-73 Chicago 57-61 California 94

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 23-Dec-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	87.9	298.5	136.3	159.3	201.7	883.7	273.5	1157.2
% change PW	-36	-7	-26	-28	-15	-20	-5	-17

Breaking Stock 27-Dec-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	30-32 M 30		29-33 M 30-31	
Checks & Undergrades	16-21		16-24 M 17-20	

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **21-Dec-02**.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,185,381	29,075	10,643	5,737	2,595	4,260
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,194,289	29,017	10,563	5,760	2,471	4,213
LAST YEAR	1,164,776	26,792	11,439	5,756	3,439	4,388
% CHANGE PW	-1	0	1	0	5	1
% CHANGE LY	2	9	-7	0	-25	-3
TO-DATE 2002	61,487,105	1,441,175	585,336	314,560	141,350	218,203
TO-DATE 2001	59,295,048	1,347,347	594,290	317,240	132,412	211,980
% CHANGE YTD	4	7	-2	-1	7	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.94 Previous Week: 41.49 Last Year: 41.53

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.35 Previous Week: 37.96 Last Year: 37.76

National Liquid Eggs - 27-Dec-02 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	23	21-26	24.26	-1.74
Whites	18	12-18.75	13.10	- .51
Yolks	TFEWR			

No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 27-Dec-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-45 M 40-43	39-42 M 40-42	47-54	46-49
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		67-85	-
Whites	21-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 22-24	28-42	28-31
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	79-85 M 83-85	81-84 M 82-83	87-94	87-90
Salted	75-81 M 78-81	76-81 M 77-79	83-89	83-86

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 27-Dec-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.56 - 1.85	1.60 - 1.70
Yolks	1.80 - 2.15	1.90 - 2.00
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.58 - 2.00	1.63 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.20 - 1.36	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 21-Dec-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,782	This week	-	This week	-
Last week	1,829	Last week	168	Last week	1,997
Last year	1,942	Last year	-	Last year	-
To Date 2002	88,473	To Date 2002	-	To Date 2002	-
To Date 2001	90,978	To Date 2001	-	To Date 2001	-

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada and Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered not released due to holidays

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Dec-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	258	0	32	290
Last year /1	245	0	0	245
To date 2002	19,948	21	832	20,801
To date 2001	12,880	78	426	13,384

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Dec-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	80	78	80	238
Last year /1	180	94	10	284
To date 2002	5,998	3,332	5,049	14,379
To date 2001	5,844	1,757	628	8,229

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Dec-02

	Jumbo	EX-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	17	2,505	6,088	1,438	11,160	0	21,208
Last year /1	0	3,045	5,070	197	13,770	720	22,802
To date 2002	1,622	53,259	145,512	49,185	368,005	14,737	632,320
To date 2001	87	71,523	140,003	44,094	446,890	71,084	773,681

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Nov-02

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	1,736	514	5,913	3,041	11,204
Previous Month	1,835	628	6,973	3,649	13,085
Last year	1,815	580	10,132	1,332	13,859
% of Previous Month	95	82	85	83	86
% of Last Year	96	89	58	228	81

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Dec-02

Total Layers on 01-Dec-02 totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Dec-02 averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Dec-02 = 282.5 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Dec-02 averaged 73.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Dec-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.76 billion eggs during Nov-02, up slightly from Nov-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Nov-02 totaled 31.1 million, down 3% from Nov-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 28.4 million on 01-Dec-02, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 223,000 during Nov-02, down 15% from Nov-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Dec-02 = 263.2 million, up 0% from 01-Dec-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Dec-02 = 71.2, up 0% from 01-Dec-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Dec-02 were 2.8%, up 4% from those in molt on 01-Dec-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Dec-02 were 25.1, up 5% from 01-Dec-01.

Layers sold during Nov-02 totaled 14.2 million, down 5% from Nov-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Nov-02 were 3.8 million, up 12% from Nov-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Dec-02 = 86.4 million, down 3% from 01-Dec-01.

Pullets added during Nov-02 = 19.9 million, down 3% from Nov-01.

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